



Summer 2013

Compiled by the Citizen Foster Care Review Board Public Relations Committee

### **Message from AOC Executive Officer Patrick Yewell**



Packing away memories this week, I have come across items from years gone by – everything from letters to pictures and videos. Nearly twenty years have passed since I walked through the front door of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). I look into the mirror and see my black hair is now gray, and the lines on my face show the miles I have traveled. I am reminded that time refuses to stand still.

I have traveled more than 600,000 miles across Kentucky over the past nineteen years. My children are grown, and I am now a grandparent. While at the AOC, I have worked for six directors, three chief justices and eleven State Citizen Foster Care Review Board (CFCRB) chairpersons. I have enjoyed the privilege of working with thousands of volunteers and nearly as many judges, clerks, and coworkers. I will miss the interaction that I have had with each of you and am humbled to have been a part of such compassion and dedication. It's funny how time refuses to stand still.

When I began my journey with AOC, I came into an office in a warehouse with three staff, who tracked children in care by utilizing a card catalog system. Today we have one of the finest staffs and data systems, the Children's Automated Tracking System (CATS), in Kentucky. Email, texting, tweeting, blackberries, and smart phones were not part of our vocabulary then. Family Court was just an idea; yet today it serves over 75% of Kentucky's population. Time refuses to stand still.

There are countless positive changes that have occurred during these nineteen years. With the leadership of Rachel Bingham, we are in good hands for the future. Unfortunately during these nineteen years, we have struggled with the "Great Recession," budget reductions, an epidemic of substance abuse, an increase of children in foster care and the death of children due to abuse. All through these pains and struggles you were always supportive and understanding, but most of all, determined to keep up the good fight for our most vulnerable citizens -- our children. Your service and mine are needed more than ever. I hope you will continue your service. We must be the voice for those who are not often heard. We must also be the eyes for those who are often invisible to the masses.

I thank all of you for allowing me to spend my time with you and experiencing the greatest job/life one could imagine.

Time refuses to stand still, but the journey makes me smile.





### **Message from CFCRB State Chair Nathan Goins**



First, I want to thank everyone for their service to the Citizen Foster Care Review Boards throughout the Commonwealth. Your work each month makes an important difference in the lives of children in care. Keep up the good work!

Second, CFCRB regional training dates are included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending one in your area. Topics for the trainings are being developed based upon results of the training survey.

Lastly, remember that the Executive Committee is in place to serve you and to further the efforts of the CFCRB program. If you have any issues or concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your regional representative.

Thanks again for the time and effort that each of you give to CFCRB!

Nathan Goins  
CFCRB State Chair



## **Greetings from Peggy Meriedeth, CFCRB Public Relations Committee Chair**



I am pleased to introduce myself as the chair of the Public Relations Committee. I am new to the world of review boards as a volunteer, but have had experience from the “other side” in my former life as a state social worker. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

The Public Relations Committee welcomes any ideas or suggestions on how to improve our newsletter. Please let us know what you think. We also welcome suggestions for articles, including updates from your local boards.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank my fellow members of the Public Relations Committee; they are Lark Buckman, Margaret Gore and Tom Stevenson. Their work on this committee is greatly appreciated.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of the newsletter! I can be reached at [pmeriedeth@brtc.net](mailto:pmeriedeth@brtc.net)

Peggy Meriedeth  
Public Relations Committee Chair





## 2013-2014 CFCRB Executive Committee

The 2012 Executive Committee elections resulted in several new faces on the Board, as well as some familiar ones. We are proud to introduce the 2013 – 2014 CFCRB Executive Committee:



*Seated, left to right:* Ed Staats, Treasurer; Lark Buckman, Region 1 Regional Representative; Nathan Goins, State Chair; Paula Atkins, Past State Chair. *Standing, left to right:* Jim Regan, Region 5 Regional Representative; Chuck Morgan, Region 2 Regional Representative; Nancy Douglas, Review Committee Co-Chair; Jan Skaggs, Region 2 Regional Representative and Review Committee Co-Chair; Connie Wooten, Region 8 Regional Representative; Anna O'Neal, Region 4 Regional Representative; Larry Perkins, Legislative Committee Chair; Bob Meadows, Region 7 Regional Representative; and Dick Vincent, State Vice Chair.

If you have any questions or concerns about your county board or the process in general, please contact your Regional Representative. Below is a list of the counties belonging to each region as well as contact information for the Executive Committee.

## JUDICIAL REGIONS AND THEIR COUNTIES

### Region 1 – Purchase Region

Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, Union, and Webster

### Region 2 – Green River Region

Allen, Barren, Breckinridge, Butler, Daviess, Edmonson, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Meade, Metcalfe, Nelson, Ohio, Simpson, and Warren

### Region 3 – Cumberland Region

Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Marion, McCreary, Monroe, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Washington, Wayne, and Whitley

### Region 4 – Metro Region

Bullitt and Jefferson

### Region 5 – Bluegrass Region

Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Owsley, Scott, and Woodford

### Region 6 – Northern Region

Anderson, Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Henry, Kenton, Mason, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble

### Region 7 – Mountain Region

Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan, and Wolfe

### Region 8 – Fayette Region

Fayette

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## A Tribute to Patrick Yewell

With Patrick's retirement fast approaching, the CFCRB Public Relations Committee chose to dedicate this newsletter to Patrick and honor him by including some fond memories from those who have worked closely with him throughout the years. Below is a compilation of these tributes provided by CFCRB volunteers and judges.

*Patrick has been at the helm of the ship during my 20+ year association with the CFCRB as a volunteer, state board member, and committee chair. A tenacious*



*and relentless advocate for children, Patrick's drive to do what's best for the kids, will be greatly missed, as he transitions to a new and exciting time in his life. It will not be the same without Patrick, but he has always been able to find the right people for the right job. Rest assured that Rachel and her team will continue his good works, navigating our organization's future and*

*ensuring our precious resource...our children...continues to be at the forefront in our service efforts.*

-- Elizabeth C. Lucas, CFCRB Training Committee Chair, Franklin County Board Member, Former State CFCRB Chair

*Patrick has been instrumental in keeping Kentucky at the forefront of efforts to improve best practices for courts and agencies serving abused and neglected children. We cannot overstate his unflagging support of our courts and his dedication to improved outcomes for children. A man of wonderful vision, he is always one step ahead (or five) in planning educational and collaborative projects and is masterful at finding ways to fund training and innovative programs when we despaired of financial support for our next steps. I always knew we were on to another venture when Patrick got that certain gleam in his eye and the hint of a smile before he spoke. Then he would very slowly say, "Well, you know..." And we were off. He always had a plan. Thank you, Patrick. It has been a joy to work with you.*

-- Patricia Walker FitzGerald, Judge, Jefferson Family Court





*I remember Patrick coming on as Manager of the CFCRB many years ago. He faced a tough Executive Board, but managed to help the CFCRB to grow enormously. The data research component and bringing on more field coordinators helped all of us as volunteer reviewers across the state. Enjoy retirement!!*

-- Therese Johnson, Nelson County CFCRB Chair, Former Regional Representative and Treasurer

*Back in the day when I first joined the Graves County board, we were a lot smaller in numbers but still very dedicated to the children of Kentucky. At the helm of our group was Patrick. He guided us through our jobs as volunteers, and he trained the staff to assist us. Through the years we have grown into a mighty force. He has always been there for us and guided us. He leaves behind a legacy of well-trained staff to assist us as he enjoys retirement. Thanks, Patrick!*

--Margaret Gore, Graves County CFCRB Chair

*Always, always, Patrick is thinking about real people, about how the court system impacts their lives, looking for ways to improve outcomes for the families we serve. He engages with people, freely sharing his own challenges, developing the personal connections.*

*I will share one story that exemplifies his care and concern for the people around him. When it was suddenly decided that we would be closing family and juvenile drug courts, Patrick rushed to call the staff personally, insuring that they would hear this news from him, not from the general announcement. He made each of those painful calls, grieved with the people who had dedicated themselves to the success of these courts, and then worked to make their transitions as easy as possible.*

*I am honored and delighted to call Patrick a colleague and a friend. I admire and respect his energy, his spirit, his imagination, and his dedication to the people of Kentucky.*

-- Lucinda Masterton, Judge, Fayette Family Court

*It seems like a hundred years ago that I first met Sir Patrick. He always impressed me as a fellow that knew which side was up. It was*



*apparent to me, from the very first, that Patrick was passionately dedicated to efforts promoting the best interest of the children. He will be missed, but will be remembered as the fellow who tirelessly worked for the children. Anyone who knows me, may hear me say, "Rangers Lead the Way." For all practical purposes, Patrick was our Ranger! Thanks and God bless you, Patrick!*

-- Jim Regan, Scott  
County CFCRB Chair and Region 5  
Representative



*While I was State CFCRB Chair, Patrick was a great person to have as a help and backup. He was always there to help. He is a great person. Patrick always thought about the kids in foster care first and their needs and wants.*

-- Paula Atkins, Past State CFCRB Chair, Muhlenberg County



*Patrick's experience, passion, and wit have been great assets to both the AOC and CFCRB. His tireless efforts to improve the lives of children throughout the Commonwealth will live on through the important programs that he has championed.*

-- Nathan Goins, State CFCRB Chair, Franklin County



*After I got the appointment to the bench and my opponent in the general election decided to withdraw, I felt the confidence to go to Frankfort and ask what was available for us. Deanna, my Court Administrator and I marched up to AOC and Patrick's office to explore programs, etc. Patrick and I had never met, talked or communicated with each other before. Patrick was instantly a friend and a resource. To my surprise in that last six years, Patrick has always found a way to accomplish what I felt needed to be accomplished in Hardin County. We needed a FIT (divorce) education program and we got one. We needed a Truancy Diversion program and we got one. We needed a multidisciplinary training for two days to get all of our community partners on a similar educational foundation and we got one. We needed a model court program and we got one. I needed to have a meeting with the CHFS Commissioner to address problems in my court and he was right there sitting with me. He has always found a way to assist us. The ONLY time that he did not was a FAMILY DRUG COURT!!! That has become a joke between us, and to his credit, it was not his fault that the General Assembly did not give AOC the budget to accomplish it. Patrick has always been supportive of our efforts, he regularly attended events and meetings here. He has always been available by phone or email and he has always smiled when I came to him with a request or a problem. I cannot overestimate what he has helped us accomplish, and for that I am extremely grateful for Patrick, individually and his work at AOC. Thanks for all of the help, Patrick, you have allowed us to impact lives in Hardin County. You will be missed.*

~ Brent Hall, Judge, Hardin  
Family Court







*All of your Family Services Staff would like to thank you, Patrick, for your leadership, guidance and compassion through the years. You made us proud to be a part of Family Services. You truly made us feel part of a very special team. For that, you will always hold a special place in our hearts.*





## CFCRB Regional Trainings Are Coming to Your Area – Mark Your Calendar!

The following are the dates and locations for the upcoming regional trainings and State Board meeting. You will receive more information as training sites and topics are finalized.

### Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board

#### 2013 Regional Training Calendar

\*These trainings fulfill the six hour annual training requirement for CFCRB volunteers\*

**October 18, 2013**

Eddyville, KY

To register contact:

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(270) 388-5410

**October 25, 2013**

Elizabethtown, KY

To register contact:

[MarviaBasden@kycourts.net](mailto:MarviaBasden@kycourts.net)

(502) 595-3498

**November 1, 2013**

Hazard, KY

To register contact:

[MelodieRobinson@kycourts.net](mailto:MelodieRobinson@kycourts.net)

(606) 785-2923

**November 9, 2013**

Frankfort, KY

To register contact:

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(502) 844-2706

**The CFCRB State Board Meeting will be  
held the morning of this regional training.**







## **Updates from Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month**

Numerous boards participated in Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month activities in April. The activities of three boards are chronicled in this article.

### **Union County Activities**

By: Lark Buckman, Union County CFCRB and Region 1 Representative

Union County's Citizen Foster Care Review Board is a partner with the local Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky Committee and was involved in a number of activities during April to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse and neglect in Union County and Kentucky.

Prior to April, local elementary school students were challenged to assist in designing a t-shirt to publicize Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month. Two students artwork was selected and a t-shirt was designed; in addition to the artwork, the names of six financial sponsors were put on the shirts.

On March 26, 2013, the t-shirts were worn by the two winning students at the Union County Fiscal Court meeting at which Union County Judge Executive Jody Jenkins proclaimed April to be Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month in Union County. Blue and silver pinwheels representing hope and promise for all children were distributed to the judge and magistrates and information about child abuse and neglect was reported by Citizen Foster Care Review Board member Lark Buckman. A schedule of upcoming activities was also distributed along with informational pamphlets. The reading of the proclamation was covered by the two local newspapers and subsequent articles and pictures were published. Additional information about the problems of child abuse and neglect was also printed in the newspapers. Several Citizen Foster Care Review Board members attended the fiscal court meeting to show their support for prevention efforts.

With the support of corporate sponsors, pinwheels and a banner were purchased. The pinwheels were "planted" at all the local schools, at the Courthouse, at City Hall, and at a prominent location across from Wal-Mart. Banners were displayed at the Courthouse and the location near Wal-Mart.

A 5K Fun Run/Walk was held on April 27. Sixty-five participants showed up on a cloudy, overcast day to support the prevention/awareness effort. Local social

service agencies, including the Citizen Foster Care Review Board had informational handouts available for participants and spectators. Musical entertainment was provided. Attorney Brandi Rodgers spoke about her experience working with families and children in the court system.

In closing out April, the Union County Citizen Foster Care Review Board hosted the local DCBS staff at a luncheon to recognize their outstanding work in working with families and abused and neglected children. The local staff expressed their appreciation for the board's efforts in recognizing their work.

The last activity occurred the first week of May when UC-WEECAN helped sponsor a free outdoor movie night for Union County children. Two large inflatables were rented for the occasion and CFCRB members again helped with the project. UC-WEECAN is a local Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky group we started in Union County last year. It is an acronym for Union County - We Educate to End Child Abuse and Neglect. It is affiliated with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

Local Citizen Foster Care Review Boards can be instrumental in child abuse and neglect prevention/awareness activities by taking the lead in organizing local Prevent Child Abuse activities and programs. There are many people and agencies willing to partner with others in combating child abuse and neglect if someone is willing to step up and volunteer to coordinate efforts. Local news media are very positive about prevention efforts and will willingly participate in efforts by publicizing events. School systems, foster care programs, DCBS, mental health providers, Head Start, and even local businesses are willing partners, when someone steps forward. As a CFCRB volunteer, you could be that person or your local board could take it on as a group. Abused and neglected children deserve all the support and assistance we can provide, will you be the one to provide that support?



#### **Union County CFCRB Hosting DCBS for Lunch**

Left to right, standing: Lark Buckman, Union County CFCRB and Region 1 Regional Rep; Susan Clements, Donna Shuffet, FSOS, Rick Baynham, Rebecca Brooks, all Union County DCBS; Tom Stevenson, Union County CFCRB Chair. Seated: Bonnie Edmondson and Cheryl Berry, Union County CFCRB; and Lori Robertson, Union County DCBS

## Christian County Activities

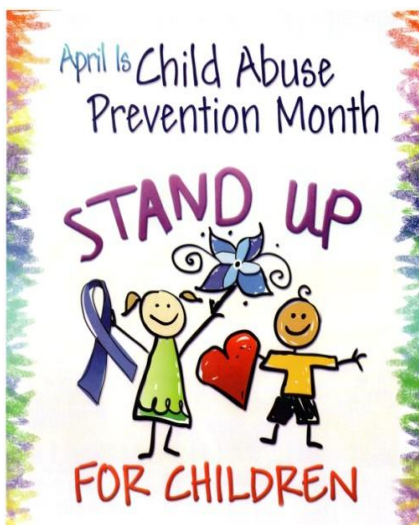
By: Caitlin Riggs, Family Services Coordinator

2013 marks the third year for the CFCRB Blue Ribbon Tree Project. The trees are decorated to bring attention to the many children in our communities who are impacted by abuse and neglect.

This year the Christian County CFCRB decorated trees and windows of local businesses with blue ribbons. The board received assistance from the local electric company, Hopkinsville Electric, in decorating the top of a large tree in town. The CFCRB also placed posters to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the windows of local businesses and even participated in a radio spot on local radio station WKDZ. This is the second year the board has participated in the CFCRB Blue Ribbon Tree Project. The board also participated in local events throughout the community, including a vigil lead by the local Child Advocacy Center. Board members contacted local churches, and on Sunday April 28, area churches said a special prayer for children affected by abuse and neglect.

Thank you to the Christian County CFCRB for their many efforts and dedication during Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The Christian County CFCRB members are as follows: Carolyn Askew, Chair; Linda Farmer, Vice Chair; Judy Arnold and Betty Smith. If your board participated in child abuse prevention and awareness month activities, please send us photos for the newsletter.

Below are pictures of the poster appearing in store windows in Christian County during Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and one of the largest Blue Ribbon Trees in Christian County.



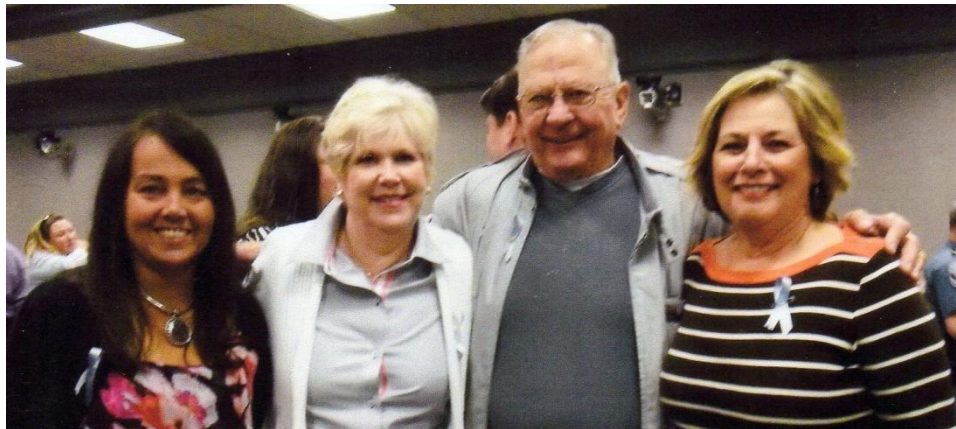


## **Scott County Activities**

By: Amy Smitha, Family Services Coordinator

The month of April is known to many as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Scott County Judge Executive George Lusby and Georgetown Mayor Everette Varney signed a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Awareness Month. Among those in attendance for the signing of the proclamation were Scott County Family Court Judge Tamra Gormley and Scott County CFCRB Chair Jim Regan. 312 pinwheels were placed along one street in Georgetown; each pinwheel represented a reported case of child abuse in Scott County over the last year. Scott County Family Court Judge Tamra Gormley also hosted an awareness event to honor those who stand up for the safety of our children.

On April 15, 2013, the child abuse awareness event was held which featured service award recognition, the reading of the child abuse awareness proclamation and a special musical presentation. The theme of this event was "Making a Difference in Children's Lives." The Scott County CFCRB participated in this event.



### **Scott County CFCRB attending Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Activities**

Left to right: Amy Smitha, Family Services Coordinator; Linda Kinnett, Scott County CFCRB; Jim Regan, Scott County CFCRB Chair; and Linda Smith, Scott County CFCRB.



## **CFCRB has joined the Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky Partners in Prevention Network**

By: Laura Chowning and Jana Estep Jordan

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK), is a statewide non-profit organization with the mission of preventing the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children. Our experience and research tells us it is absolutely possible to prevent child abuse and neglect. It is not easy, and it may not be fast, but it can be done with the right level of commitment from all of us. Because almost everyone wants the best for children, we can unite around the goal of prevention. There are easy ways to help at-risk families build on their strengths. If families are stressed with poverty, they need concrete assistance. If they don't know how to parent, we can teach them. Partners in Prevention work with PCAK to facilitate change in their local communities. Partners receive support and technical assistance resulting in increased awareness and prevention of child abuse throughout Kentucky. Because we work through outreach, training, programs and advocacy CFCRB members can help in all of these areas.

- You can help us reach out to and inform legislators and policy makers about the needs of families and children. Follow us on facebook and twitter to find out more information.
- You can use your voice to raise awareness in your workplace, church, and school. Make these places a source of support for families.
- Work with your local DCBS office and other family serving agencies to ensure they have materials on display for parents regarding parenting tips and discipline.
- Help us educate others. If you see a training need in your community, contact us.
- Get involved in Child Abuse Prevention Month every April!

Contact PCAK to find out what efforts exist in your community so you may collaborate with others. The opportunities are endless, be creative! For more information, contact Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky staff members, Laura Chowning ([lchowning@pcaky.org](mailto:lchowning@pcaky.org)) or Janna Estep Jordan ([jestepjordan@pcaky.org](mailto:jestepjordan@pcaky.org)) at 859-225-8879.







## **Plaque Presentation in Memory of Vivian Brown**

By: Jim Tom Trent, Family Services Coordinator

On June 18, 2013, Family Services Coordinator Jim Tom Trent presented Jack Brown a plaque in honor of his late wife Vivian's many years of dedication to children in foster care. The plaque was provided by the CFCRB Executive Committee. Vivian Brown was a Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteer for nearly ten years and was the chair for the Elliott/Morgan Interested Party Review Board for nine years. Vivian passed away in February 2013 as a result of a car accident.

"She was dedicated to those kids," Mr. Brown said. "She spent a lot of time going over their cases and going to those meetings because she always wanted to know that they were being taken care of," he added.

Brenda Bennett, Vivian's niece and fellow CFCRB volunteer, echoed her uncle's thoughts. "Her memory lives on through the foster children that she was able to impact," said Mrs. Bennett. "Vivian lived her life serving others in the community; she will be greatly missed," she added.

Vivian Brown was retired from the Ford Motor Company in Michigan and St. Claire Regional Medical Center, where she was a unit secretary. She served many roles in her community including being very active in her church and was also on the planning board for the Laurel Gorge Heritage Center. Mrs. Brown was also a landscape and portrait artist and enjoyed making ceramics.



**Jim Tom Trent presenting plaque to Jack Brown**



## **Daviess County CFCRB Volunteers Participate in Poverty Simulation**

The Department for Community Based Services in Daviess County presented a poverty simulation as a training for foster parents to help them better understand the difficulties faced by many low-income families trying to survive month to month.

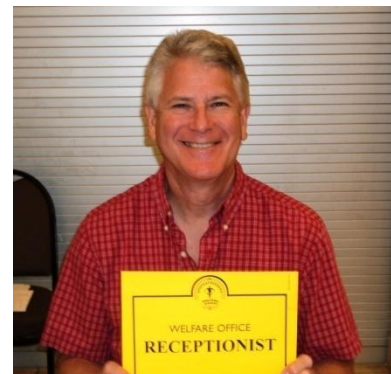
The object of this experience was to sensitize those participating to the daily realities of life for families living in or near poverty – the very situation many of the families of children in out-of-home care must deal with everyday.

The Daviess County CFCRB members were also invited to participate in this simulation. June Bell, Daviess A Vice Chair; Chuck Morgan, Daviess C Chair; and Valli Rigling, Daviess A and C CFCRB, all participated in the actual event on June 11. June Bell and Jan Skaggs, Daviess C Vice Chair, also participated in a practice session on May 15.

Chuck Morgan commented after the simulation that it was helpful to understand the process that persons must go through to receive assistance. He stated it gave him more empathy for their struggles.



**June Bell as the jailer**



**Chuck Morgan as the welfare receptionist**



**Valli Rigling as a single mother of 2 children**